

## Salaries of Recent Wisconsin Technical College Graduates

The 16 districts in the Wisconsin Technical College System annually survey recent graduates of their programs. The following information was obtained from the results of those surveys, conducted between October and December, 1997, 1998 and 1999. It is a sampling of the over 300 career programs offered in the WTCS. The programs listed are two years in length, unless otherwise specified. (The salaries are approximately 6 months after graduation. "Median" is midway between the highest salary reported and the lowest salary reported.)

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>1997 Median ANNUAL SALARY</b>	<b>1998 Median ANNUAL SALARY</b>	<b>1999 Median ANNUAL SALARY</b>
Accounting	\$19,236	\$20,798	\$21,600
Instrumentation	28,944	36,969	34,661
CIS Microcomputer Specialist	24,972	30,000	30,000
CIS Programmer/Analyst	29,616	32,496	34,007
Paralegal	18,852	21,045	20,043
Dental Hygienist	39,516	39,282	43,677
Occupational Therapy Assistant	23,952	23,502	21,838
Industrial Welding Technician	32,316	36,848	27,160
Administrative Assistant-Secretarial	17,820	20,316	17,784
Commercial Art	21,852	21,000	23,138
Laboratory Animal Technician	20,544	24,594	-
Natural Resources Technician	17,160	18,468	19,760
Materials Management	26,760	30,468	29,000
Printing*	15,558	20,448	19,548
Appliance Technician*	24,192	25,509	-
Computer Numerical Control Operator/Programmer*	26,508	29,118	32,238
Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic*	34,068	33,600	23,059
Practical Nursing*	21,804	23,606	24,483
Automotive Technician*	19,176	21,110	21,319
Machine Tool Operation*	23,748	24,744	24,958
Welding*	22,224	24,564	24,568

\*One-Year or less diploma.

from *Graduate Follow-Up 1996-96, 1997-98, AND 1998-99*; entire reports can be obtained by contacting Patti Schuettler, Wisconsin Technical College System Board, (608) 266-5857, or e-mail at [schuetp@board.tec.wi.us](mailto:schuetp@board.tec.wi.us).